CEPPS/IFES Quarterly Report: April 1 to June 30, 2005

Electoral Violence Education and Resolution (EVER)

USAID Cooperative Agreement No. DGC-A-00-01-00004-00
Project Period: August 25, 2003 – December 31, 2005
Total Budget: $212,911   Expenses Recorded to Date: $142,047

Results Summary/Impact Statement

- Submitted proposal to USAID to recommend that second case study implementation be undertaken in Haiti
- Continued technical assistance on EVER methodology and database development to IFES Middle East and North Africa (MENA) program within its election oversight and conflict mitigation project regarding design of election violence monitoring program.
- Website development ongoing, to enable the expansion of the online database to incorporate lessons learned from Ghana and Iraq activities and data collection tools.

Background

The EVER Project will identify those conditions, causes, practices, or failures provoking electoral violence in order to prevent, manage, or reduce opportunities for friction in elections and campaigns. It will examine electoral conflict as a discrete form of conflict with unique causes and solutions while recognizing that it is linked to broader social, economic, or criminal motives.   In addition, it will diagnose how election observation can be a more effective tool in election conflict prevention.

Activities

Second Case Study Country
IFES proposed to USAID that Haiti be the second case study country for the project, given the type of violence expected, the regional diversity it will add to the data collected, and the potential for programming to assist the election process and the people of Haiti.

Training Activity with Iraq Project
The IFES Senior Researcher and Research Coordinator continued to provide technical assistance on EVER methodology and database development to the IFES Middle East and North Africa (MENA) team. MENA is currently implementing an election oversight and conflict mitigation project, and the EVER team provided MENA guidance on the design of training and database application for their election violence monitoring program.

Global Incidents Database
The EVER Global Incidents Database application is near completion and testing will take place in April. The result will be an increase in database fields and a more robust tool for the public and practitioners. Launch of the database and website are expected next quarter.

Activities Planned for Next Quarter
- Complete testing and officially launch public version of Global Incidents Database and website
- Receive approval and begin programming for second case study country